

## House Resolution No.

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary, civic-minded citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

**Whereas**, Polly O'Brien of Saint Louis has attained considerable distinction for her roles as the beloved wife of Barrett Toan, loving mother of Elliott and Franny, and exceptional volunteer in the greater Saint Louis metropolitan area; and

**Whereas**, Polly O'Brien recently enhanced her already impressive record of achievement when she was named as the recipient of a 2004 Women in Achievement Award from Suburban Journals; and

**Whereas**, a board member of four area organizations, Polly O'Brien is a true leader with Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Saint Louis County, FOCUS Saint Louis, New City School, and Planned Parenthood; and

**Whereas**, in addition to being an extremely effective fund-raiser for each of the four agencies, Polly O'Brien is a politically persuasive advocate for the rights of abused, neglected, or abandoned children, women's reproductive rights, and racial equality; and

**Whereas**, Polly O'Brien leads by example and speaks with conviction, traits which make her an exceptional community ambassador in her highly successful quest to make the city of Saint Louis and the state of Missouri a better place for all people; and

**Whereas**, prior to moving to Saint Louis nearly two decades ago, Polly O'Brien was a program and budget assistant to governors in Illinois, Pennsylvania, and Arkansas; an analyst and congressional liaison for the Carter Administration's welfare reform proposals; and head of the Missouri Department of Revenue Information Systems Division:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal, familial, and volunteer achievements enjoyed thus far in life by Polly O'Brien and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes as she receives a 2004 Women of Achievement Award from Suburban Journals; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Polly O'Brien of Saint Louis, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Margaret Donnelly  
District No. 73

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. \_\_\_\_, adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker